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The Honorable Sanford Bishop, Jr.
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The Honorable Jeff Fortenberry
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
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U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Fortenberry:

The lack of broadband internet access impacts every corner of my district, and many others around the nation. Last year, Perdue University found that 93,000 Hoosiers are currently living without adequate internet.

As you begin work on the fiscal year 2020 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, I respectfully request that you give consideration to the following priorities:

1. Support the **Community Connect Grant Program** at the highest possible funding level.
2. Support FY2019 enacted funding at a level of \$600,000,000 for the **Broadband Loan and Grant Pilot Program**.
3. Support the highest possible funding levels for the **Rural Broadband Access Loan Program**.
4. Support the **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program** at the highest possible funding level.

These grants have continued to support many schools, telemedicine providers, farmers, and households the ability to be a part of the increasingly competitive global market conversation. Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,


Greg Pence
Member of Congress